

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1600**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 27, 2010

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1600.

This bill allows any public or private entity, organization, or educational institution to submit emergency operations or evacuation plans to the State Office of Emergency Management in a secure electronic format by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information. In addition, under the bill, any school district required by regulation to develop and implement comprehensive plans, procedures and mechanisms that provide for safety and security in the public and private elementary schools may transmit those plans, procedures and mechanisms, when appropriate, in a secure electronic format by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information.

The bill also clarifies each county and municipality may submit emergency operations plans to the State Office of Emergency Management in a secure electronic form by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information.